

REMARKS

With the entry of the foregoing amendments, claims 1-11 are pending in the application.

The claims have been amended to place them in more conventional US patent claim format. No new matter has been added.

In response to the obviousness-type double patenting rejections, and without agreeing with the rejections, applicants submit herewith two Terminal Disclaimers that obviate the rejections.

In response to the rejection of claims 1-11 as allegedly being obvious over Akiyama (US 2002/0182351), applicants respectfully traverse the rejection for at least the following reasons.

Akiyama exclusively refers to a parison. The rejection states that "Akiyama discloses a multilayer parison which is the claimed 'dose' of the applicant." This is incorrect. A parison is not a dose. In this regard, the International Examination Report issued by the European Patent Office (previously filed with an IDS in this case) correctly realizes these important differences and, therefore, has rendered a positive opinion about the claimed invention that does not cover a parison.

More specifically, the claimed product is a dose, unlike the parison disclosed and suggested in Akiyama. A parison is an intermediate product between a "dose" step and the "final object" step. For example, if the final object is a bottle, a person would start from a dose of plastic material. The dose would be placed in a mold where it is compressed/molded and becomes a parison. The parison is finally blown to form a bottle. Accordingly, a dose is not a parison, and dose is not equivalent to a parison.

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Thus, the claimed invention is not obvious in view of the cited art that nowhere disclosed or suggests the claimed dose invention and methods. For at least these reasons, applicants request the withdrawal of the prior art rejection.

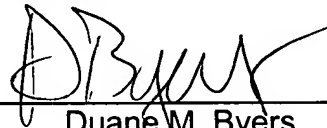
In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, and the attached documents, applicants submit that this application is in condition for allowance. A notice to that effect is earnestly solicited.

If the Examiner has any questions, the undersigned may be contacted at 703-816-4009.

Respectfully submitted,

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